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C O N F I D E N T I A L NEW DELHI 4014

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, IN  
SUBJECT: FORMING A NEW GOVERNMENT

1. OPPOSITION POLITICIANS TELL US THEY ARE SURE THAT CFD WILL BE  
ABSORBED INTO JANATA AND BE INCLUDED IN A NEW GOVT. AS OF 1600  
HOURS LOCAL TIME WITH ONLY 15 SEATS OUTSTANDING, JANATA HAD  
CAPTURED 268 SEATS AND CFD 27. IN ADDITION, FIVE INDEPENDENT  
MPS WHO WERE ELECTED WITH SPECIFIC JANATA ENDORSEMENT ARE COUNTED  
BY JANATA AS FIRMLY RELIABLE IN FORMING A GOVERNMENT. JANATA  
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SPOKESMAN SURENDRA MOHAN TOLD REPORTERS LAST NIGHT THAT JANATA  
AND CFD HAS DECIDED TO HAVE "ONE PARLIAMENTARY GROUP AND ONE  
LEADER" AND TO FORM THE GOVT TOGETHER. HE CLAIMED THE LEADER-  
SHIP ISSUE WOULD BE RESOLVED WITHOUT DIFFICULTY. MORARJI DESAI  
TOLD TIME CORRESPONDENTS THIS MORNING THAT NEW GOVT WOULD NOT BE  
A COALITION. THERE WOULD BE "ONE PARTY, WITH ONE IDEOLOGY", BUT  
HE WAS VAGUER THAN SURENDRA MOHAN ON EXACTLY HOW THIS WOULD BE

ACHIEVED.

2. PILOO MODY, JANATA POLITICIAN WHO WAS DEFEATED IN GUJARAT BUT WHO IS IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH SENIOR JANATA LEADERS, TOLD EMBOFF ONE COMPLICATING FACTOR IN CHOOSING LEADERSHIP IS DESIRE OF CHARAN SINGH (FORMER PRESIDENT OF BLD) TO BE PM. CHARAN SINGH BELIEVES LARGE NUMBER OF MPS ELECTED FROM UP, MOST OF WHOM SELECTED BY HIM, GIVES HIM SUFFICIENT CLOUT TO MAKE HIS CLAIM. MORARJI DESAI IS DETERMINED TO BE PM. JAGJIVAN RAM, WHOSE TESTINESS WITH PRESS FOR LAST TWO DAYS SUGGESTS HE OPERATING UNDER CONSIDERABLE TENSION, HOPES TO BE COMPROMISE BETWEEN CHARAN SINGH AND MORARJI, WITH BLESSINGS OF JAYAPRAKASH NARAYAN. MODY SEEMS NO PROSPECT OF JANATA SPLITTING BUT BELIEVES IT MAY TAKE ANOTHER DAY OR TWO TO RESOLVE PROBLEM. MODY THOUGHT CHARAN SINGH WOULD BE DISASTER AS PM: PARACHOIAL, NARROW, AND ILL-INFORMED. JANATA NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER, ASHOK MEHTA (FORMERLY PRESIDENT OF CONG (O))), TOLD EMBOFF TODAY HE THOUGHT LEADERSHIP OF GOVT WOULD BE DECIDED BY FRIDAY.

3. ASHOK MEHTA ALSO SAID THAT INDIA WAS NOW, ALONG WITH US, LIKELY TO BE THE FOREMOST SPOKESMAN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, PUBLICLY AND ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. MODY AGREED AND SAID THAT HE ANTICIPATED THAT SO LONG AS PEOPLE LIKE MEHTA AND HIMSELF HAD ANY INFLUENCE WITHIN THE JANATA, INDIA WOULD SPEAK OUT ON VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS EVERYWHERE IN THE WORLD. (EMBASSY YESTERDAY WAS MORE CAUTIOUS IN FORECASTING NEW GOVT'S PUBLIC STAND ON HUMAN RIGHTS. WE HOPE MEHTA AND MODY ARE RIGHT.)  
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